



## Summer Food Service Program



## Bulletin

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### USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. [SFSP10-2017 Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in CACFP and SFSP](#)
2. [SFSP11-2017 2017 Edition of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals](#)

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

### Additional Topics:

- SFSP One Pagers for Sponsors and Site Supervisors (attachments)
- FRAC Report: Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation (attachment)
- Grant Opportunities
- ICN Summer Food Safety Kits Available

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**Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.**

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### USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

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1. **SFSP10-2017 Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in CACFP and SFSP**  
This memorandum outlines the requirements for Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) institutions and facilities and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsors (Program operators) to provide reasonable modifications to Program meals or the meal service to accommodate children or adults (participants) with disabilities. This memorandum supersedes FNS Instruction 783-2, Rev. 2. With the release of this memorandum, FNS Instruction 783-2, Rev. 2 has been rescinded.
2. **SFSP11-2017 2017 Edition of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals**  
The manual provides comprehensive information on Federal requirements, policies, and procedures, and is intended to help State agencies and local educational agencies accurately determine, certify, and verify children's eligibility for free and reduced price school meals and free milk.

This edition incorporates clarifications requested by State agencies and Food and Nutrition Service Regional Offices, as well as applicable guidance issued since the last revision in July 2016. Notable changes are highlighted throughout the manual. Formatting changes and minor changes to the language are not highlighted, as they do not represent a change in policy.

## Additional Topics

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- **SFSP One Pagers for Sponsors and Site Supervisors**

FNS recently published brand new resources to help sponsors and site supervisors ensure that their food service is in compliance with program regulations. These handy one pagers are designed to be quick reference guides for site supervisors, staff, and volunteers.

Topics include:

- Do's and Don'ts for Site Supervisors
- Summer Food Service Program OVS
- Accurate Meal Counting and Claiming

See attachments or check them out [here](#). Be sure to share these new resources with your sites!

- **FRAC Report: Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation**

The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) recently published their annual report analyzing the reach of the previous year's Summer Meal Programs. In July 2016, 3 million children received summer meals through FNS's Child Nutrition Programs. FRAC also spotlighted different approaches to summer meals, as each State and sponsor implements the Programs in ways that best meet the needs of the people in their community.

FRAC also recently published a companion piece to Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation, the Summer Breakfast Status Report, focusing on breakfast service in the Summer Meal Programs. Serving breakfast through the Summer Meal Programs—whether adding a breakfast service to an already-existing summer lunch site or establishing a new breakfast site—helps narrow the summer nutrition gap. This report examines summer breakfast service across the States in 2016, and also provides best practices for breakfast service as demonstrated by spotlighted States. Some highlights of the best practices include:

- Serving Breakfast Later –  
Some children, especially teens, may arrive later at sites—extending the breakfast service time is one way to ensure that all children have sufficient access to the breakfast meal.
- Encouraging Morning Programming –  
Some potential sites may already offer robust morning programming, or sponsors may choose to expand lunch sites and offer morning programming to complement a breakfast service.

To read the full reports and find information on Alaska, visit [FRAC's website](#) or see the attached PDF.

- **Grant Opportunities**

- Voices for Healthy Kids Grants  
The goal of the Voices for Healthy Kids grant initiative is to make effective strategic investments in ongoing state, local, and tribal public policy issue campaigns in order to increase public policy impact on healthy weight and living among children. Voices for Healthy Kids is focusing efforts in schools, community, and out-of-school time/early care and education. Applications should support at least one Voices for Healthy Kids Policy Lever. Applications for funding are due July 21, 2017. Click here to learn more.
- Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Grants  
RCDI grants are awarded to help non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas. Grant awards range

from \$50,000 to \$250,000, and the application deadline is July 25, 2017. Click [here](#) to learn more.

- **ICN Summer Food Safety Kits Available**

This is a reminder that we have this free resource available from our office and can mail them to your organization. We've already shipped out a few, but have about 15 left. Please see the Institute of Child Nutrition's (ICN) instructional video and webpage here for more information:

<http://news.theicn.org/2017-summer-meals-food-safety-kit/#order>



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## Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program  
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs  
WRO – Western Region Office  
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services  
FNSRO-Food & Nut. Services Reg. Office  
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture  
EED – Education & Early Development  
DEC – Department of Conservation  
LEA – Local Education Agency



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